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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH EC-9 ON ILO

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1. OUR SUGGESTION FOR POINTS FOR DISCUSSION WERE
CONVEYED SEPTEMBER 1 TO THE NETHERLANDS MISSION,
WHICH UNDERTOOK TO CIRCULATE THEM TO OTHER EC-9
MISSIONS ON THE SAME DAY TOGETHER WITH OUR REQUEST
THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS BE URGED TO
ATTEND. NETHERLANDS MISSION ALREADY HAS PROPOSED
THAT THERE BE REPRESENTATION FROM THE HAGUE.

2. MEETING HAS BEEN SET TO OPEN AT 10:30 MONDAY,
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SEPTEMBER 13 IN THE NETHERLANDS MISSION WITH PRO-

VISION FOR CONTINUING INTO AFTERNOON SESSION. EC-9 ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE US/EC-9 MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, OR PARTICIPATE IN BROADENED (IMEC) CONSULTATIONS ON SECOND DAY. IN LATTER CASE, NOWEVER, THE EC-9 WOULD LEAVE IT TO ANOTHER DELEGATION TO PROPOSE AND CHAIR THIS.

3. WE SUSPECT THAT THE ILO IN-HOUSE CHECKLIST ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO US-ILO CONCERNS (GENEVA 6940) IS RATHER LIBERALLY AVAILABLE, AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD ADDRESS OURSELVES TO REFTEL POINT 2A WITH THIS IN MIND.

4. IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND THE PERFORMANCE, IN PARTICULAR, OF THE WORKERS CHAIRMAN, HOUTHUYS (BRUSSELS 7860 AND STATE 214562) SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THESE CONSULTATIONS. THE NETHERLANDS MISSION (IF NOT THE EC-9), HAVE MADE THIS A POINT OF REFERENCE BY PLACING IN OUR HANDS HOUTHUYS' LETTER TO IRVING BROWN (COPIES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE WASHINGTON OFFICES CONCERNED) AND THE BASIC ISSUE WOULD APPEAR TO BE CENTRAL TO THE CONCERNS WE HAVE ABOUT ILO.

5. COMMENT/ WITH SPRING-SUMMER 1976 ILO EVENTS NOW ON THE RECORD, WE EXPECT EC-9 WILL ENTER INTO THE SEPTEMBER 13-14 CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EXPECTATION OF COMING TO TERMS WITH US ON WHAT THE US WILL REQUIRE IF IT IS TO REMAIN IN THE ORGANIZATION A YEAR HENCE. THEY PROBABLY WILL NOT EXPECT THIS TO BE DEFINED FULLY IN THESE CONSULTATIONS, BUT NOW MORE THAN BEFORE THEY WILL LOOK FOR GREATER PRECISION. TO JUDGE FROM COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM EC-9 MISSION THEY ARE RATHER PLEASED WITH THEIR OWN PERFORMANCE AND, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE BROADER IMEC GROUPING WAS THE INSTRUMENT AND FUNCTIONED REMARKABLY WELL, THE EC-9 REGARD THEMSELVES AS THE CORE GROUP AMONG THE WESTERN ALLIES OF THE US. THEY WILL EXPECT THAT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE EC-9 BE BOTH INTIMATE AND FRANK. END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE NEED TO HAVE PROMPT GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WASHINGTON WOULD DESIRE BROADER DISCUSSION NOW THAN CONSULTATION WITH THE EC-9. WE RECOMMEND THIS AND BELIEVE THE IMEC CONSTELLATION IS THE PROPER ONE. WHILE WE DO NOT SUGGEST THE US TAKE THE LEAD OR CHAIR THIS GROUP, WE WILL HAVE TO

BE THE CATALYST IN BRINGING IT ABOUT, AND WOULD EXPECT
TO MAKE THE MISSION FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ACCOMMODATE
IT. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR BARTON, WHO PROVIDED
THE LEADERSHIP FOR IMEC THIS JUNE HAS DEPARTED AND
A SUBSTITUTE OF COMPARABLE STATURE AND ABILITY WOULD
HAVE TO BE FOUND. OUR THOUGHTS RUN TO SOUNDING OUT
AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR DAVIS FOR THIS ROLE, UNLESS
IT TURNS OUT THAT BARTON'S REPLACEMENT HAS BOTH THE
ABILITY AND DESIRE TO FILL HIS SHOES IN THIS. CATTO

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